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- 1910 took over family textile plant, Lisieux (Calva  
1914-1919 cavalry & artillery officer dos)  
legion of honor; war cross  
1919 mayor of his commune  
1932 Deputy from Lisieux, Conservative Republican  
replaced father who had post since 1896  
Specialist in economic & financial matters in  
Chamber of Deputies  
1940 Under-secretary of state--finance (Reynaud)  
  
Charter member, National Resistance Council  
1945 & 1946 vice-president of first and second  
constituant assemblies  
1946 one of founders of the Republican Party of  
Freedom (PRL) (conservative)  
Vice-President of PRL and president of its  
parliamentary group  
Party spokesman, particularly on economic and  
financial questions  
1948 Undersecretary for Financial and Economic Aff's  
1951 Minister of State  
1951 When most PRL deputies joined RPF, Laniel  
became Independent.  
Had had ambition to make PRL a great conservative  
party in the British manner.  
*Minister in left-center Faure Cabinet*  
Most conservative of candidates to date for premier-  
ship in current crisis  
Auriol reportedly picked him to demonstrate impracti-  
cability of right-center majority at present  
Mathematically possible for him to form right-center  
coalition with fraction of MRP support. Does  
not seem likely, given present temper of assembly.  
  
Possible next choice: Edgar Faure or Henri Queuille.  
both Radical Socialists, former premiers, either  
has good chance of success

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